



The Voice of Westminster

We are a servant church, nurturing each other's spiritual journey and personal gifts. All are welcome!

April 2021



The Day of Resurrection

It's been easy to lose track of time given the unusual circumstances in which we have found ourselves over the past 12 months. For instance, the last time we met together for worship was November 15, 2020.

I remember the individuals who gathered in August, when we came together for in-person worship for the first time since the pandemic began. We totally depended on our masks, social distancing, and disinfecting. No vaccine was even on the horizon. Now we are at a much different place.

April 4, 2021, will be our first opportunity to gather together once again for in-person worship. We will do so at 10 a.m. in a joint service with elements from both services. I must admit, I am excited about that! We praise God for the number of people that have been able to be vaccinated, and that Covid rates have dropped. We will still practice social distancing and wear facial masks. Hand sanitizer will be available.

What also excites me is that the day we will gather is Easter, the day that exemplifies hope and new life. Certainly not everyone feels safe, and some will choose to stay home, but we are grateful we can gather to celebrate the dynamics of the resurrection. Those at home, down south, or anyplace with a computer or tablet are given the opportunity to participate via life stream on YouTube, something we were not at all prepared to do before Covid. As we take baby steps into our future as a congregation, let us always pause and be grateful for life.

Whatever way you choose to celebrate Easter, don't miss it!

- Pastor Roger

Session Notes

Westminster's Session met March Westminster's Session met March 16 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Pastor Roger led a discussion regarding spiritual leadership and characteristics of spiritual leaders. Session also:

- Elected officers for the Westminster Presbyterian Church Corporation: President-Ann Buckheister, Treasurer-John Swanson and Secretary-Kathie Lane. Session members also elected Pam Richardson to serve Clerk Pro Tem when the Clerk to Session is unavailable.
- Reached consensus to move to two in-person services (9 and 11) each Sunday, following the combined Easter service. Services will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.
- Had extensive conversation regarding the continued need for two services in two locations of the church building.
- Voted not to serve Communion on Easter Sunday according to national health emergency guidelines.
- The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Session's next meeting will be April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium..

Holy Week Offers Mix of Online & In-Person Worship

This year's Holy Week schedule will be a mix of virtual and in-person worship. Here's our schedule:

April 1-There will be **no** Maundy Thursday service.

April 2-Good Friday Tenebrae will be on our YouTube Channel at 6:30 p.m.

April 4-Easter Service 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary (in-person). Masks and social distancing will be required.



Joining Forces in Faith

The church, and in this case WPC, can do so much if we work together and care for one another. One of our own, Basil Tilley, after a fall in the sanctuary and several moves including rehabilitation, is now living at the Views of Marion. During this big transition in his life he has been visited by Pastor Roger, received greeting cards from members of the congregation, is now on the Deacon's list, Jan Kosowski has been serving as his medical Power of Attorney and now our own dear Penny Novak is stepping up to help him sell his house. Basil does not have a wife or children and his only family lives far away. Basil has been very active on the Property Committee over the last five years, particularly helping decrease our electrical usage. This is such a wonderful example of fulfilling Christ's command to "love on another". –Jan Kosowski

Spring Cleaning for Easter

As previously noted, Session has voted to hold in-person service on Easter, April 4th. Remembering our vow as a Congregation to support the decisions of our Session, the Property Committee is offering you an opportunity to do just that.

The Property Committee would host a brief clean up in preparation for Easter Sunday. We will meet Saturday April 3rd at 9:00 for no more than an hour to dust and polish the woodwork in the sanctuary and parlors. We will social distance and you will need to wear a mask. You will be dusting and polishing the woodwork/furniture in a specific area - that is it!

Below are the areas. Please indicate an area you would like to tackle. We are limiting this to just seven people so that we can social distance. Supplies will be provided.

Please contact Jan Kosowski (319-521-6666, jmkosows@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Sanctuary (need 4 people)

Narthex: (Need 1)

Large Parlor: (Need 1)

Small Parlor & Old Library (Need 1)



April Needs

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Hamburger Helper

Taco Mix

Deodorant

Thank you for supporting this
important mission!

Remember, despite the move to Tanager Place, you can still bring your L & F donations to Westminster!



April Birthdays

Betty Pohorsky	1
Nancy Evans	2
Mike Walker	2
Don Meyer	3
Bob Moran	8
Butch Hataway	10
Mark Tyler	10
Joan Charters	12
Donna Jiruska	13
Barbara Schultz	20
Jennie Shanklin	25
Tom Read	26
Karen Zazza	26
Ann Hearn	29

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8 pm-NA Good Fri- day- <u>YouTube</u>	3 9 am-Spring Cleaning 8pm-NA
4 Easter Service 10 am Sanctuary	5 6 pm- Deacons 7 pm-AA	6 1:30-L&F 6:30 pm NA	7	8 5:30 pm- Person- nel	9 8 pm NA	10 8 pm NA
11 9 am Worship- FLC 11 am Worship- Sanctuary	12 1 pm— Property 7 pm-AA	13 1:30-L&F 6:30 pm NA	14	15	16 Newslet- ter Dead- line 8 pm-NA	17 8 pm NA
18 9 am Worship- FLC 11 am Worship- Sanctuary	19 4pm Finance 7 pm-AA	20 1:30-L&F 6:30 pm Session 6:30 pm NA	21	22	23 8 pm-NA	24 8 pm NA
25 9 am Worship- FLC 11 am Worship- Sanctuary	26 7 pm-AA	27 1:30-L&F 6:30 pm NA	28	29	30 8 pm-NA	

Calendar Note: Make sure you check with your group or committee chairs to confirm that you will be meeting and in what form. This is important during this transitional phase.

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